Alliance of Baptists Statement Regarding the Death of Trayvon Martin
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In light of the death of Trayvon Martin and our commitment to "the calling of God to all peoples to repentance and faith, reconciliation and hope, social and economic justice,"

we grieve this loss of life;
we express our outrage at the delays in the investigation and initial lack of concern by the authorities about the killing;
and, we acknowledge the part we play in continued systemic racial injustice and violence.

This needless death and countless others like it call us to action. We stand with Trayvon Martin's family in their grief and suffering and all who have been devastated by a similar loss. We commit ourselves to thoughtful and prayerful discernment about what actions we should take to foster reconciliation, justice, safety, and recognition of the sacred worth of all. We ask God for the strength and courage to discard our propensity for apathy, to claim our prophetic voice, and to live out our faith in action.

Our eyes have been opened again. May Trayvon's death disturb us so that we cannot forget nor be silent.